

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 65-68 are currently pending. Claims 50-64 are canceled by the present amendment without prejudice or disclaimer. The present amendment also adds new claims 65-68, support for which is self-evident from the original disclosure, including Figs. 34-36 and the specification from page 70, line 18, to page 71, page 21. Thus, no subject matter is introduced by the foregoing amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 50-64 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kim et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,470,135; hereinafter "Kim"), in view of Naimpally (U.S. Patent No. 5,619,337).

Claims 50-64 are canceled by the foregoing amendment and, thus, the rejection of the same is rendered moot. Further, the suggested combination of Kim and Naimpally does not render obvious new claims 65-68.

For example, each of new claims 65-68 recites a data area storing, or configured to store, "stream data including a plurality of data units each containing a plurality of transport packets including an I-picture of MPEG data and each serving as a unit of access." Referring to the non-limiting example shown in Fig. 11, each data unit VOB(SOB) includes an I-picture stored in a TS packet. Such a data structure is not disclosed or suggested by Kim and Naimpally.

Specifically, while Kim does appear to disclose the reproduction of an Intra-picture and a data structure of each SOB including multiple TS packets (see, e.g., Figure 3), Kim does not disclose or suggest that (1) each SOB includes an I-picture, and (1) each SOB is used as a unit of access. Naimpally is likewise silent on these claimed features.


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As such, Applicants respectfully submit that new claims 65-68 patentably define over the Kim and Naimpally.

Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

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